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**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
SUSSEX CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR
MAY 29, 2014
124 HALSEY STREET
NEWARK, NJ 07105
9:00a.m.**

I OPENING STATEMENT AND ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the New Jersey Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6th floor on Thursday, March 20, 2014. Hilda Pressman, Chair of the Committee announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed out to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Star Ledger, the Record, the Press of Atlantic City, the Asbury Park Press, and the Trenton Times. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded and a quorum was not present:

PRESENT

**Nancy G. Schneider, M.A., CCC-A, FAAA
Hilda Pressman, M.A., CCC-SLP, BCS-S
Anne Eckert, Au.D.**

EXCUSED

**Louis Conte, D.O.
Chetan Shah, MD
Gerard Caracciolo, Ed. D.**

ABSENT

Sharon Shinkle Gardner

ALSO PRESENT

**Carmen Rodriguez, DAG
Renee P. Clark, Executive Director
Sonia Claudino, Administrative Staff**

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A recommendation was made by Dr. Eckert seconded by Ms. Schneider to approve the March 20, 2014 Public Session Minutes with changes. This matter will be brought back for ratification by the full Committee.

III NEW BUSINESS

- a. A sub-committee of the Committee reviewed Assembly No. 2332 which requires public body to publish notice of public meeting on official internet website for informational purposes.
- b. A sub-committee of the Committee reviewed Assembly No. 2557 which requires health care providers to observe certain practices concerning collection of outstanding balances on patient accounts for informational purposes.
- c. Robert Campanelli was scheduled to appear before the Committee to discuss ethics. Since not all Committee members were present. Mr. Campanelli will come to the July 17, 2014.

IV WEBSITE REVIEW

Ms. Schneider inquired about Committee disciplinary actions not posted online. Executive Director to find out when disciplinary actions will be posted and in addition find out if Committee name can be changed to a shorter version as previously discussed to add Speech-Language Pathology since currently it listed under Audiology and it can be confusing for consumers as well as licensees. Executive Director to report at the next Committee meeting.

V NEW BUSINESS

Jenny McGovern submitted an inquiry as to whether New Jersey has a prohibition against the corporate practice of audiology or is a non-resident for profit corporation doing business in New Jersey entitled to employ audiologists located in New Jersey.

After review, Chair directed that a letter be sent to Ms. McGovern referring her to N.J.S.A. 45:3B-16 which states that nothing in this act shall prohibit any person from engaging in the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology without licensure if he employs licensed individuals in the direct practice of audiology or of speech-language pathology.

VI FYI

- a. Julie Sherman complied with Settlement Letter issued February 28, 2014. This matter was reviewed for informational purposes.

VII HANDOUTS

No handouts were provided.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Eckert seconded by Ms. Schneider to proceed to Executive Session, to hold an investigative inquiry, to consider and review advertisements, consumer complaints and other information received pursuant to the Committee's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of law, including Board's regulations have occurred. The results of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement actions. If the Committee chooses to issue a Uniform Penalty Letter, the action will be taken in Public Session immediately after the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Dr. Eckert, seconded by Ms. Schneider to adjourn the meeting at 12:00p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee

Renee P. Clark
Executive Director